

Friends of Wompatuck 9/16/19

Minutes of Meeting

Members and guests present: Vicki Schow, Lars Ahlzen, Doug Luoma, Bill Boles, Sandy Cole, Peter Williams, Tim Friedmann, JP Schiller, Steve Cobble, Gary MacKinnon, Steve Gammon, Brad Sands, Bill Quinn, Alex Hall, Jenny Sullivan, Michael Mullaley

1, President Vicki Schow opened the meeting and did introductions.

2, Secretary Bill Boles noted that the minutes had been sent out prior to the meeting. They were accepted unanimously.

Vice President Lars Ahlzen noted that we now have a Pay Pal device similar to Square that we'll be able to use in the future. However, it only works where there is internet access.

The new maps are done and are available.

It's suggested that the next version have links to historic sites.

Brad Sands asks that there be a locator for the Hingham T station and commuter boat.

3, Doug Luoma's Treasurer's report shows that we now have \$20,925.56 in the bank, up from \$20,711.04 last month. But, this does not include the final accounting from the Landmine.

There is currently \$1,719.76 in the Playground Fund.

The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

4, Membership Secretary Sandy Coles reported that we now have 219 members.

5, Tim Friedmann and Steve Gammon report that the rails are in great shape. Also, that we now have a 2-cycle weedwhacker and hedge trimmer.

6, JP Schiller presents his proposed Eagle Scout project. He will demo and replace a degraded bridge. Wood will be recycled wherever possible. It will be 36" wide and 180' long and will be located near E8.

Motion: FOW to donate \$450 to help fund this project. Unanimous.

7, Playground. Peter Williams and Steve Gammon and Gary MacKinnon report on the playground initiative. Currently DCR wants around \$17,000 up front to continue planning. The total cost being around \$141,000 for phase One.

Steve Gammon motions that the playground not be funded from FOW's general funds. Peter Williams amends this by re-stating our need for two separate accounts. Michael Mullaley amends this so that funds can only be transferred from the general account by a vote.

After a discussion the motion passes unanimously.

Talks with DCR will continue.

8, Landmine Classic: Vicki Schow reports that this was the biggest Landmine ever. 765 total registrations making it the biggest event in New England. 30% of the racers were 18 years old or younger.

It's noted that we need to increase parking somehow.

Next time all Cat 5 bikes will have a safety check. (The youngest kids)

A video of the event is on Dirtwire. Photos are on Facebook.

9, Old Business: South pleasant Street entrance. Michael Mullaley will check the deeds. It is suggested that this area is owned by the Department of Transportation and is listed a "surplus property". The kiosk work started today.

South Entrance upgrade is still in the works.

Peter Williams noted that some additional trail markers are needed.

It's suggested that directional signs be placed in the west side of the park leading to the Visitor;s Center.

10, New Business: Steve Cobble is slated to receive an award from the Friends of the Blue his for his years of volunteerism.

Michael Mullaley suggests that there should be a "swim at your own risk" sign at Herron Pond. Also that there should be speed limit signs on the closed loop to South Field.

The Landmine Classic Volunteer dinner will be at Bike Barn on 7/23.

Motion: FOW fund this for up to \$400 in expenses. Unanimous.

Peter Williams notes that the drainpipe at N3-N4 needs cleaning or maybe a rebuild with a backhoe.

Meeting adjourns 9:02 PM.